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The proposed remedy for Microsoft is laughable. It is also inconsistent with American legal practices. In the findings of fact, it was found that Microsoft was an illegal monopoly and had illegally maintained and extended their monopoly in the operating system market. Fundamental to law in this country is an idea that we don't allow people or corporations to retain that which they've acquired illegally. That said, the original proposal to break up Microsoft is also flawed in that it preserves the Monopoly. The source code and rights to the Windows operating system should be placed up for auction and awarded to, say, the 3 highest bidders thus reducing the monopoly to an oligopoly. It is my belief that nothing else will restore competition and innovation to the computer operating system industry.

Don't allow this travesty to continue.

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